

2005-06 Washington Tuition and Fee Report

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How much are full-time resident undergraduates paying this year?

• UW – Seattle	\$5,505
• WSU – all	\$5,506
• CWU	\$4,219
• EWU	\$4,149
• TESC	\$4,130
• WWU	\$4,165
• Community Colleges	\$2,445

Who sets tuition rates?

- The 2003 legislature enacted SB 5448 to give governing boards and the SBCTC the authority to set tuition rates for all students other than **resident undergraduates**.
- The legislature will maintain tuition setting authority for resident undergraduates until 2008-09.

Who sets tuition rates?

- Legislature and governor established limits for resident undergraduate tuition (operating and building fees) increases in the 2005-06 operating budget:
 - Research 7%
 - Comprehensives 6%
 - Community colleges 5%

Tuition policies prior to 2005-06

- From 1977 to 1995, the legislature and governor set tuition as a percentage of the cost of instruction:
 - Tuition at research universities ranged from 25% of the cost of instruction in 1977-78 to 41% in 1994-95
 - Tuition at comprehensives and community colleges was about 30% of the cost of instruction in 1994-95

Tuition policies prior to 2005-06

- From 1995 through 1999, the legislature and governor set specific limits on tuition increases (operating and building fees) of 4% per year.
- Since 1999, local four-year boards and the SBCTC have been allowed to set specific rates within the following **maximum** limits:

1999-00: **4.6%**

2000-01: **3.6%**

2001-02: **6.7%**

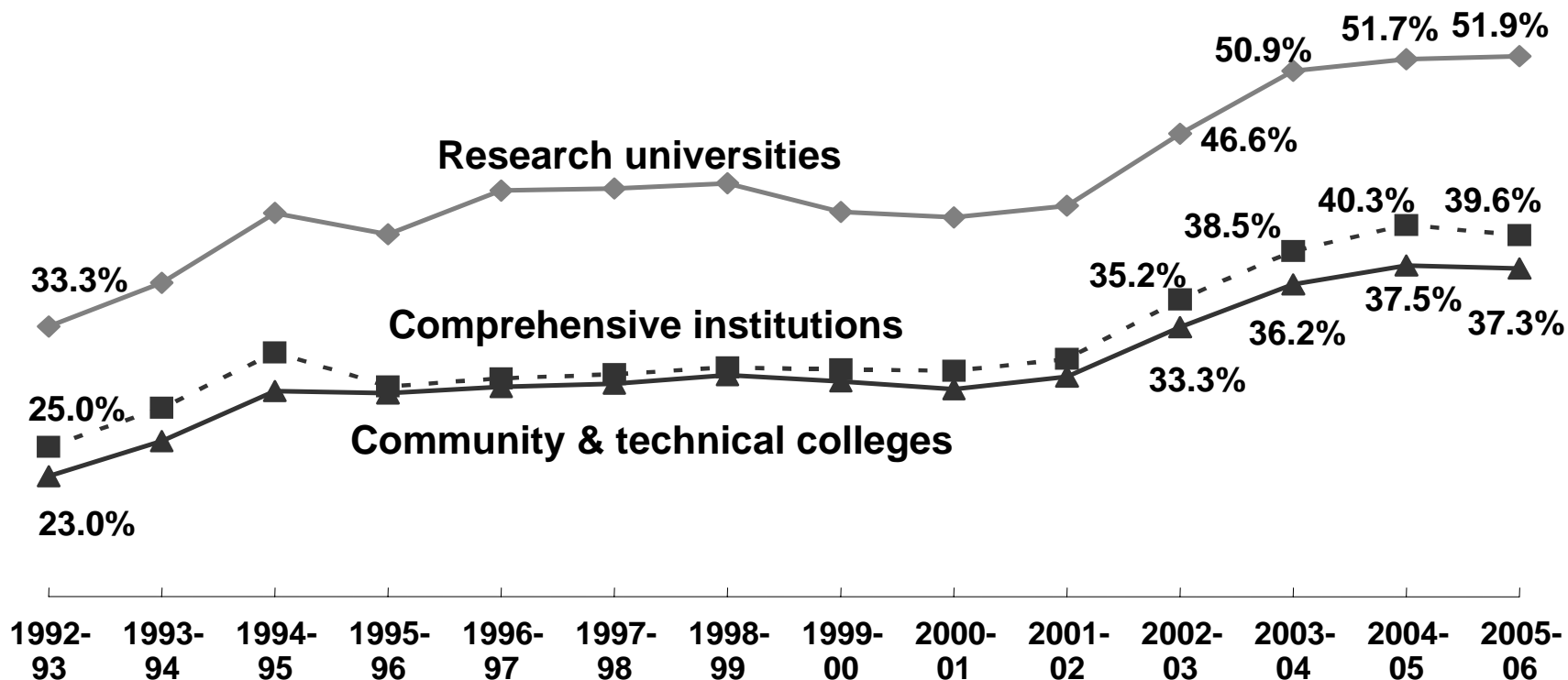
2002-03: **16%, 14%, 12%**

2003-04: **7%**

2004-05: **7%**

2005-06: **7%, 6%, 5%**

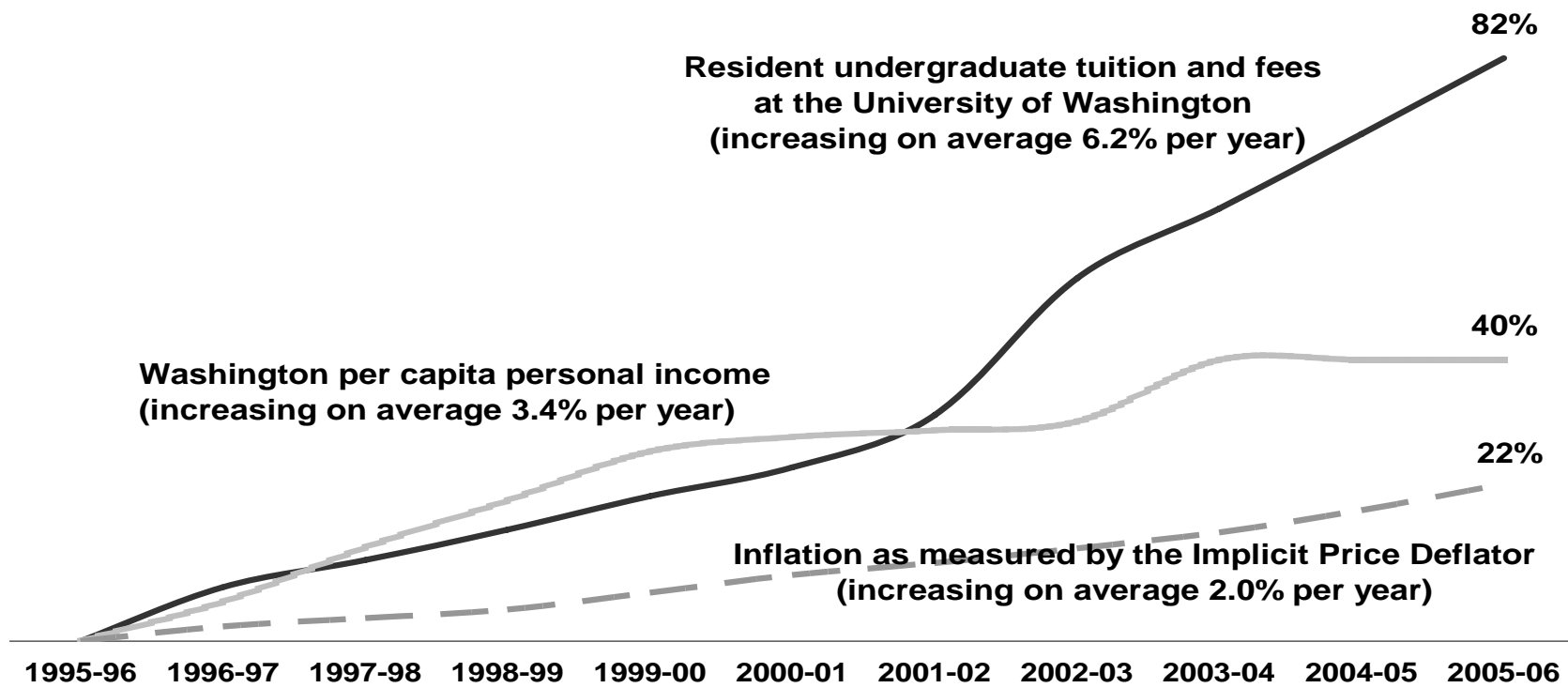
Resident undergraduate tuition (operating & building fees) as a percentage of undergraduate instructional costs



Tuition comparisons: research (flagship) universities 2005-06

- Resident undergraduate tuition and fees at the University of Washington increased 6.3%
 - On average, resident undergraduate tuition and fees increased 8.3% at the *national* 50 flagship universities;
 - 10.2% at the *Western states* flagship universities (WICHE); and
 - 9.3% at the *peer* institutions.

Increases in tuition at the UW have outpaced per capita personal income and inflation

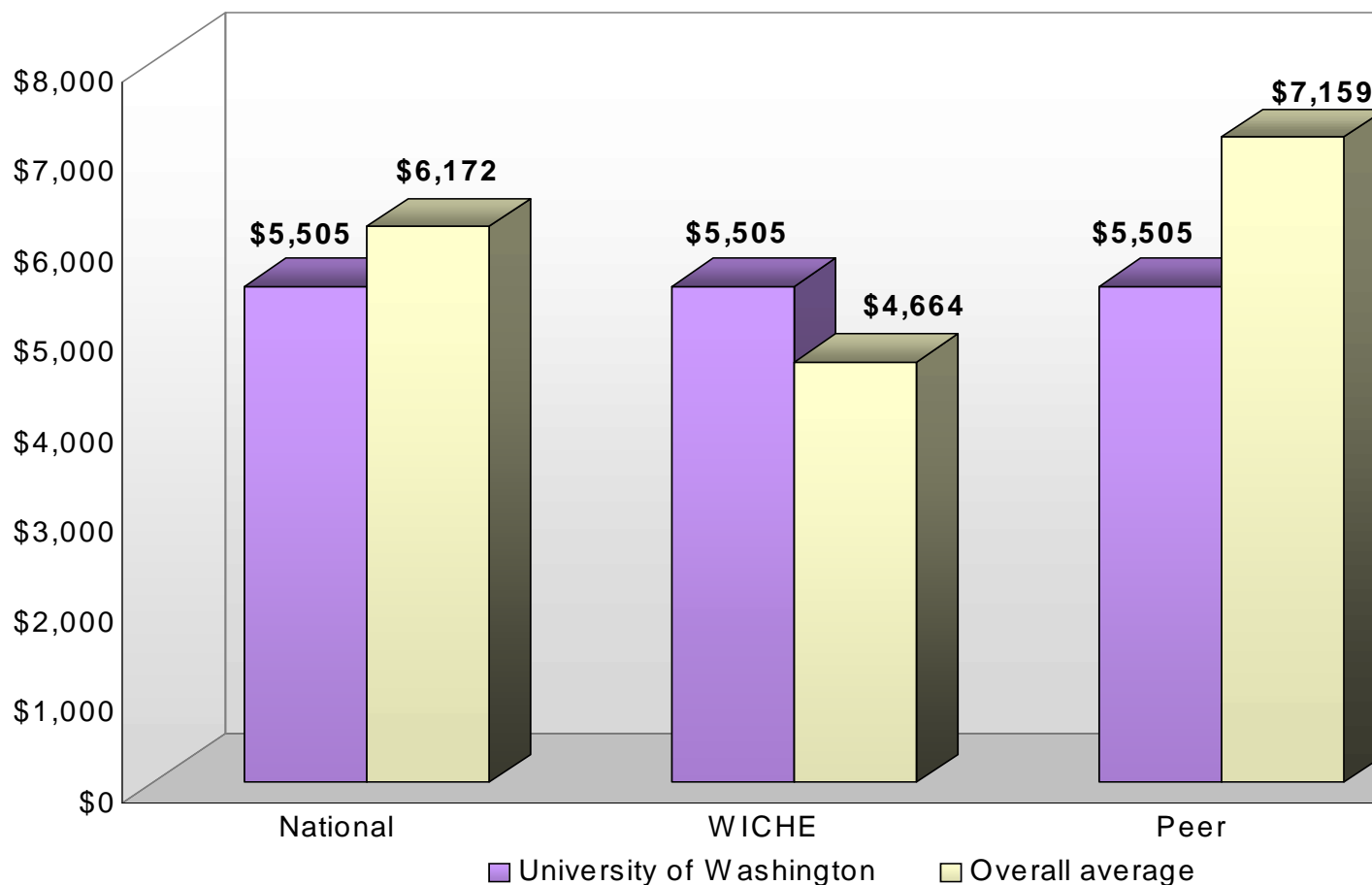


University of Washington

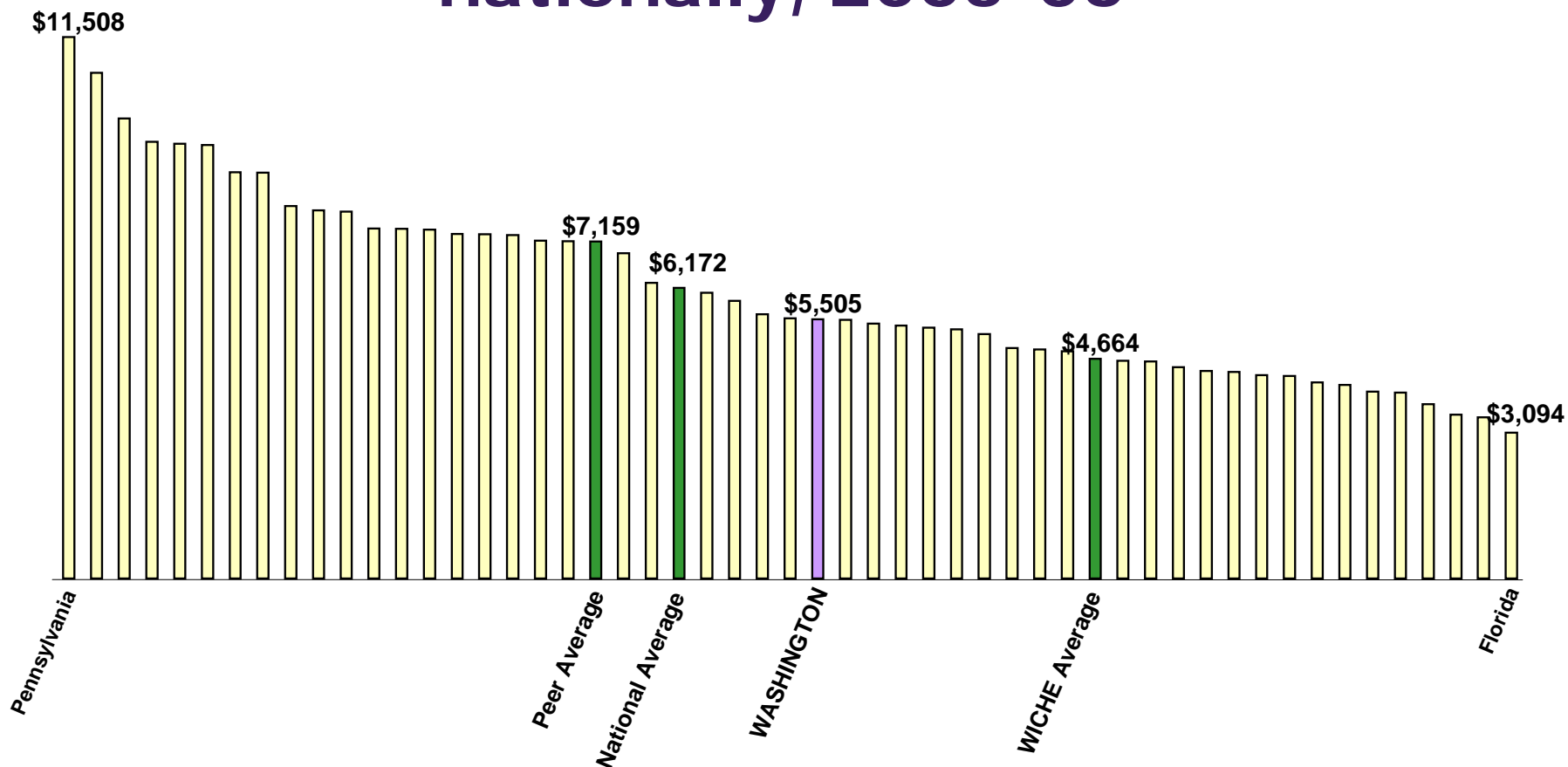
Average	Tuition 2005-06	UW Rank
UW	\$5,505	
National	\$6,172	26 th of 50
Western states	\$4,664	2 nd of 15
Peer institutions	\$7,159	19 th of 25

Note: Tuition includes operating and building fees plus mandatory fees.

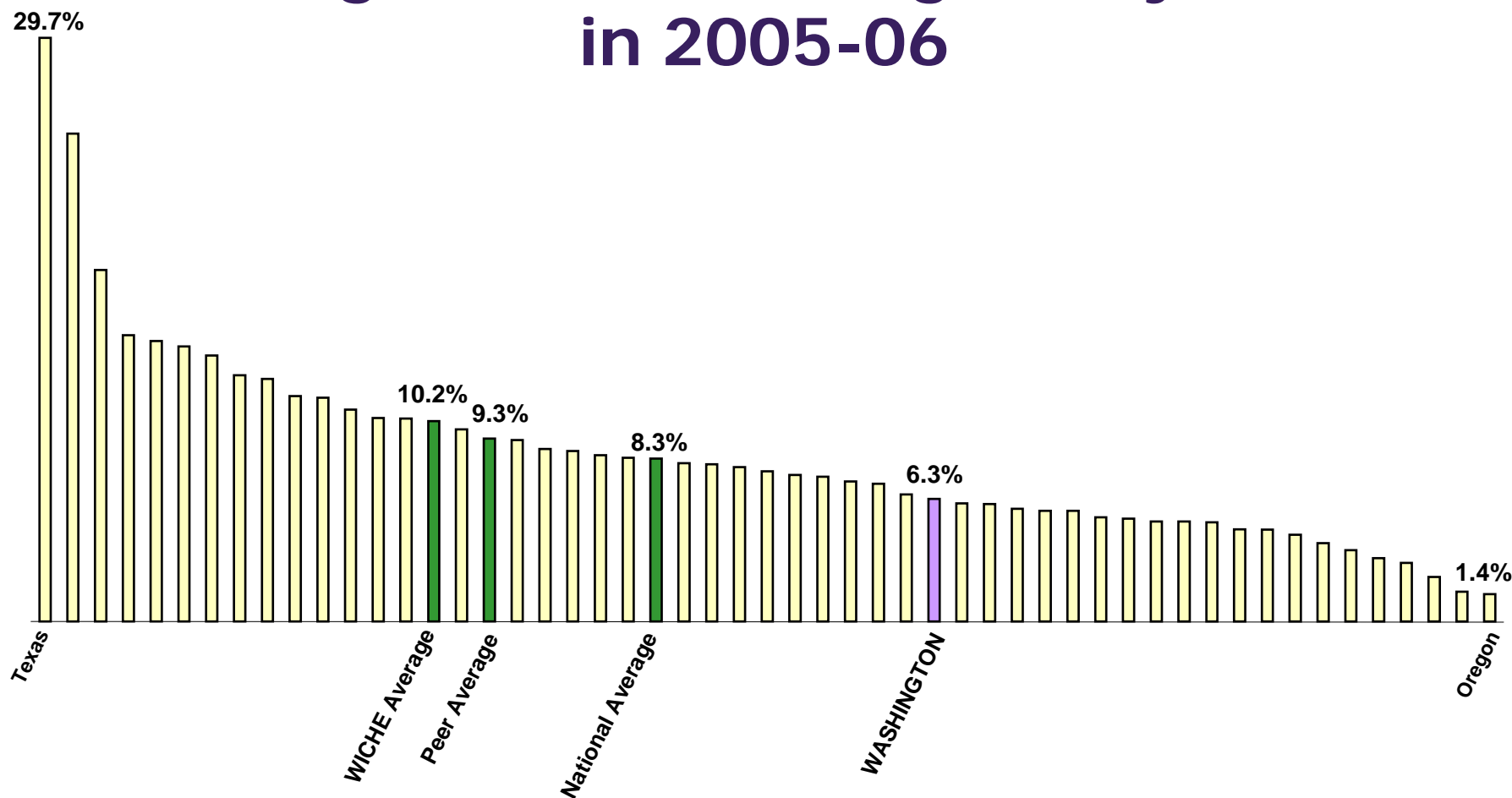
Tuition and fees: University of Washington compared to national, WICHE, and peer averages



University of Washington resident undergraduate tuition ranks 26th nationally, 2005-06



University of Washington resident undergraduate tuition grew by 6.3% in 2005-06



Tuition comparisons: Comprehensive universities 2005-06

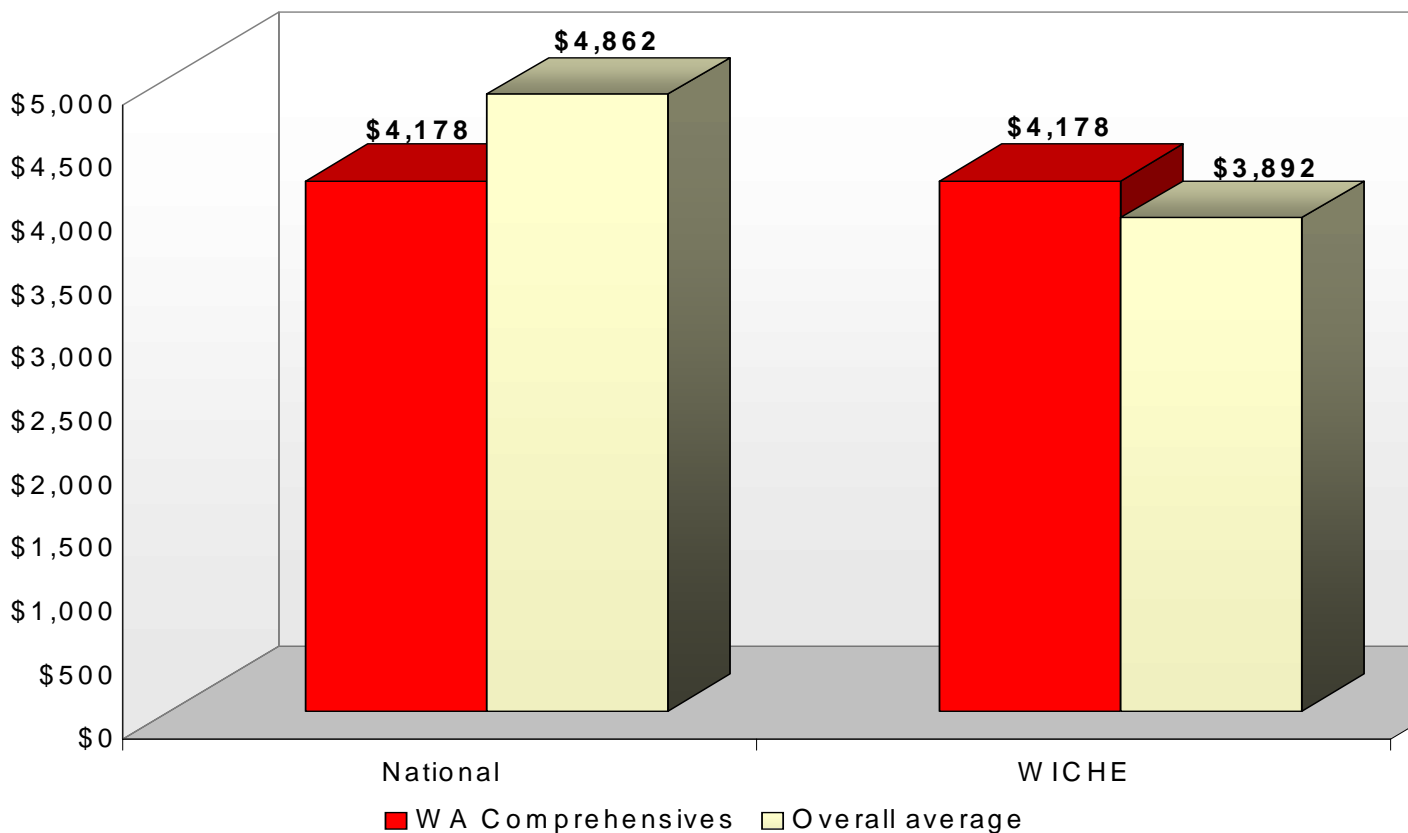
- Washington's comprehensive universities increased tuition and fees 5.8%
 - *Nationally*, on average, resident undergraduate tuition and fees increased 6.9%; and
 - 6.8% in the *Western* states.

Washington comprehensive universities

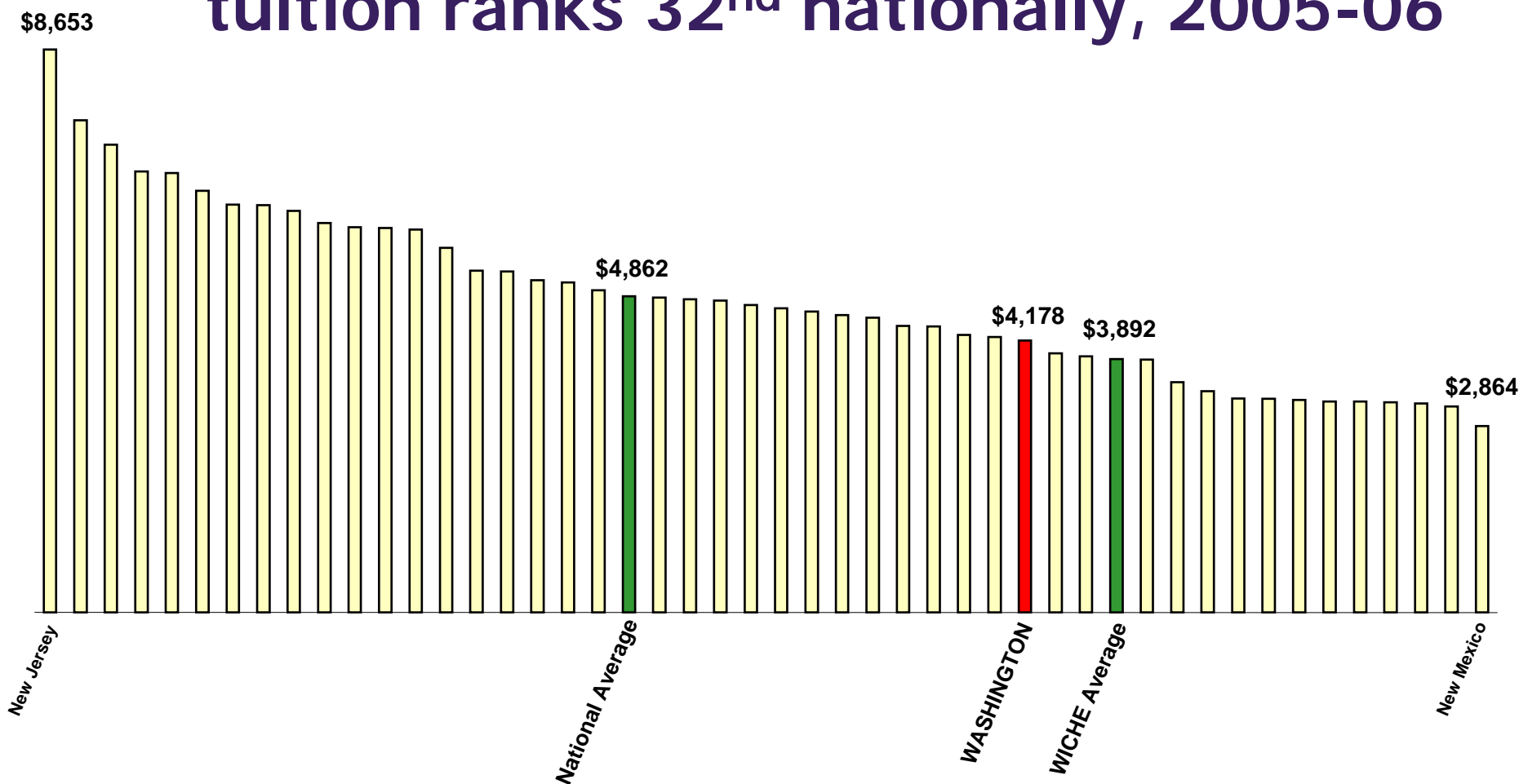
Average	Tuition 2005-06	Comprehensive Rank
Washington comprehensives	\$4,178	
National	\$4,862	32 nd of 46
Western states	\$3,892	6 th of 12
Peer institutions	\$4,862	32 nd of 46

Note: Both the national and peer averages are based on 215 institutions that have been used for more than 30 years.

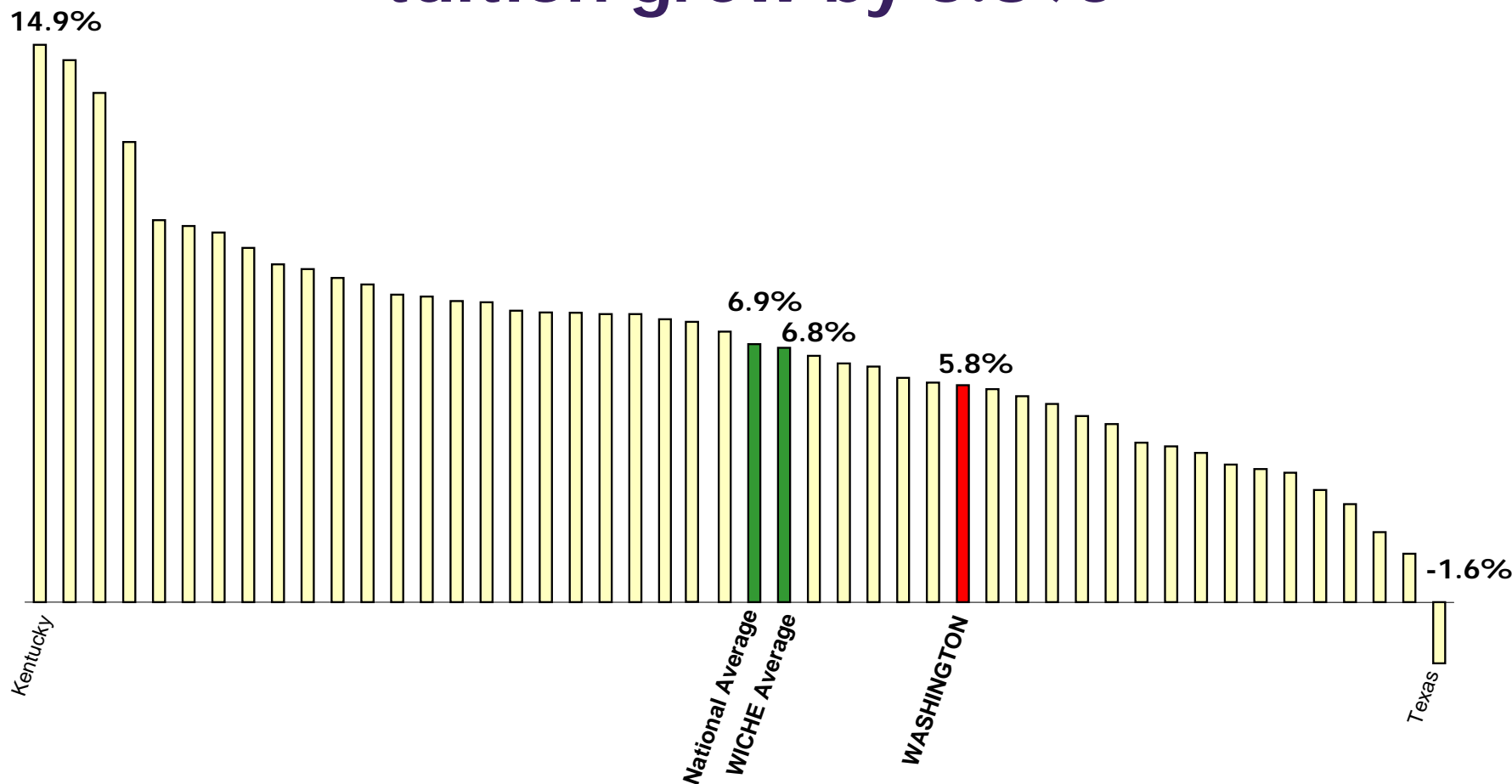
Tuition and fees: Comprehensive universities compared to national and WICHE averages



Washington comprehensive institutions resident undergraduate tuition ranks 32nd nationally, 2005-06



Washington comprehensive institutions resident undergraduate tuition grew by 5.8%



Tuition comparisons: Community colleges 2005-06

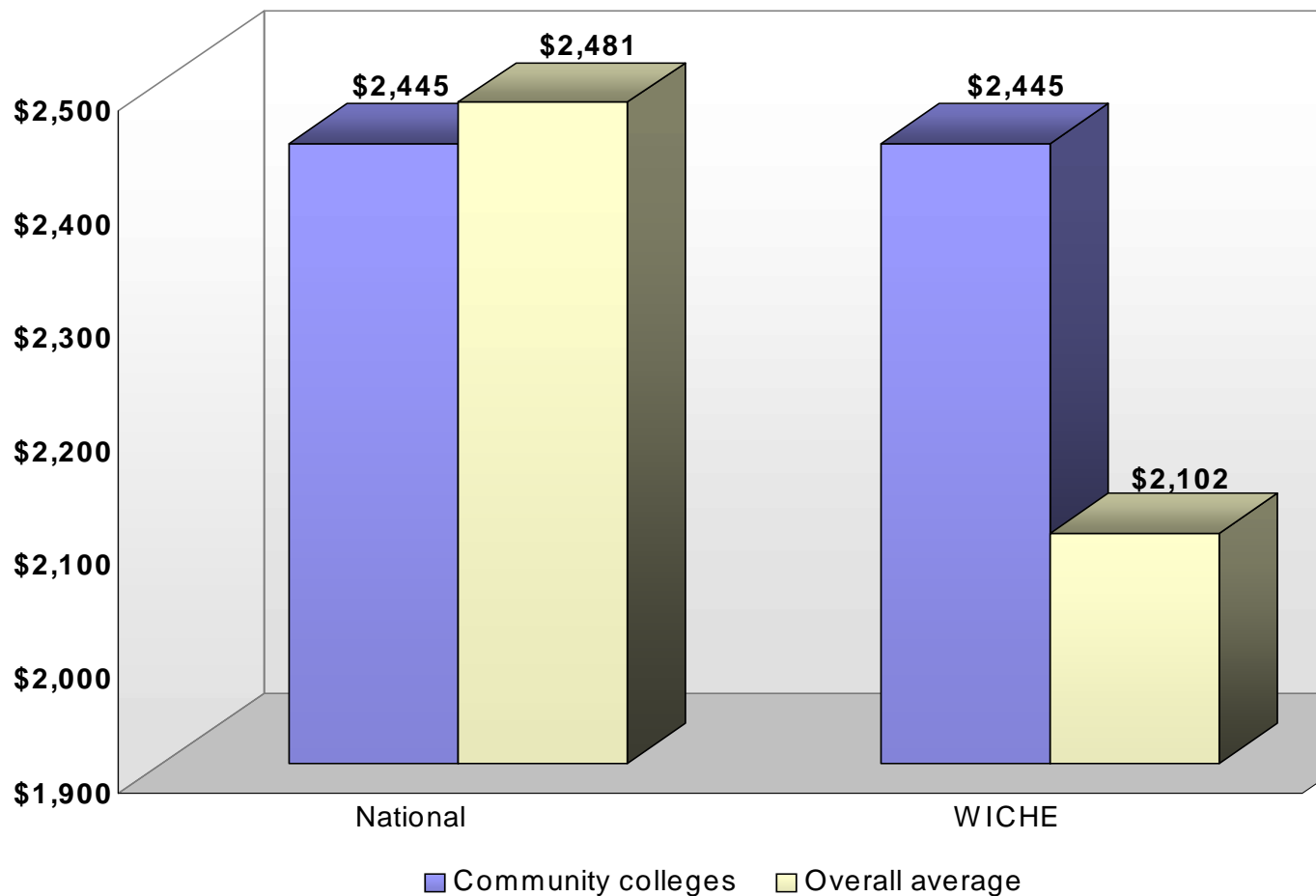
- On average, Washington's community colleges increased resident undergraduate tuition by 5.7%:
 - On average, resident undergraduate tuition and fees increased 7% *nationally*, and
 - 7.8% in the *Western states*.

Washington community colleges

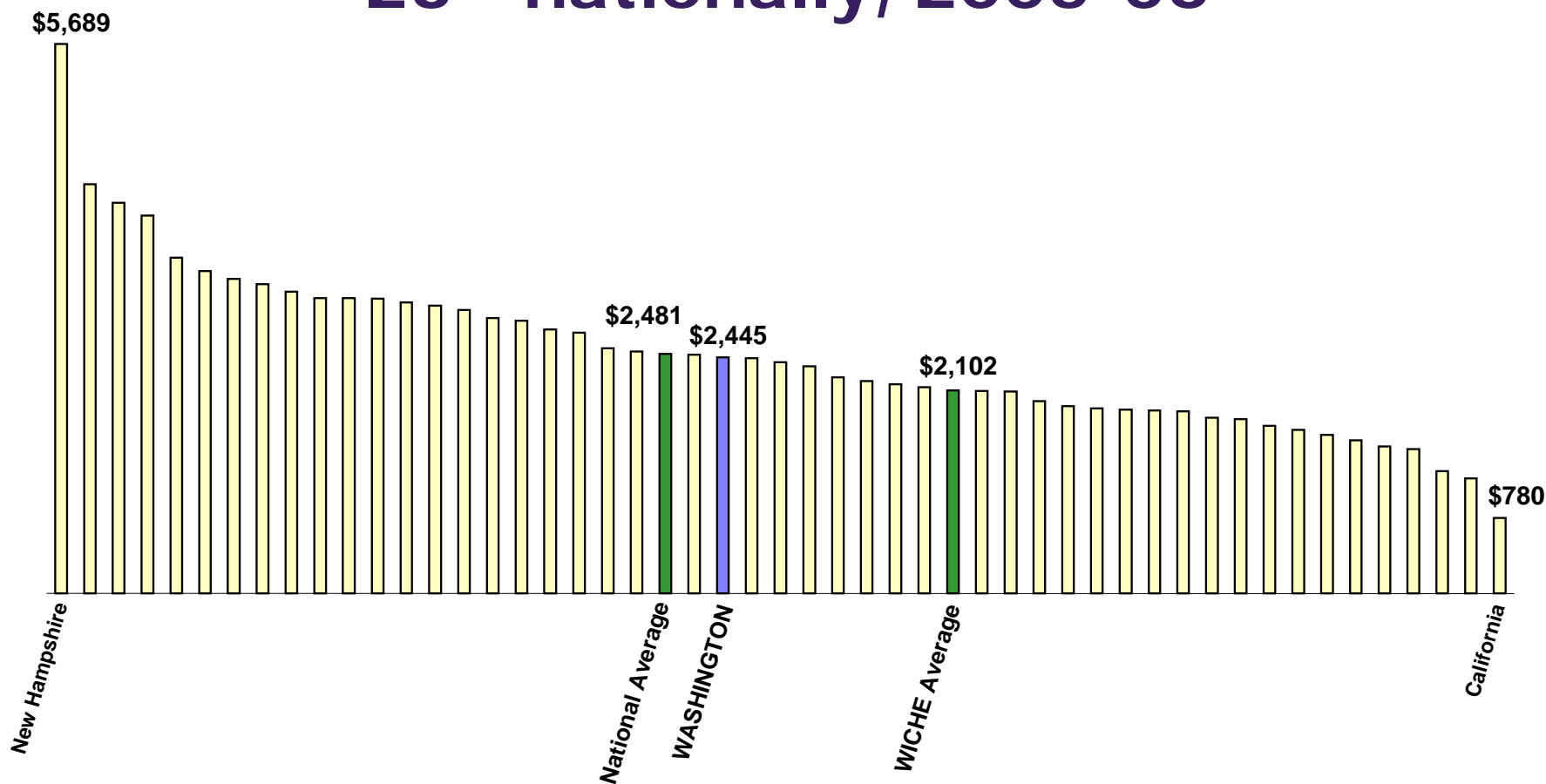
Average	Tuition 2005-06	Community college rank
WA community Colleges	\$2,445	--
National	\$2,481	23rd of 49
Western states	\$2,102	5th of 14
Peer institutions	\$2,481	23rd of 49

Note: 49-state average serves as the peer group for the community and technical colleges (South Dakota has no community colleges).

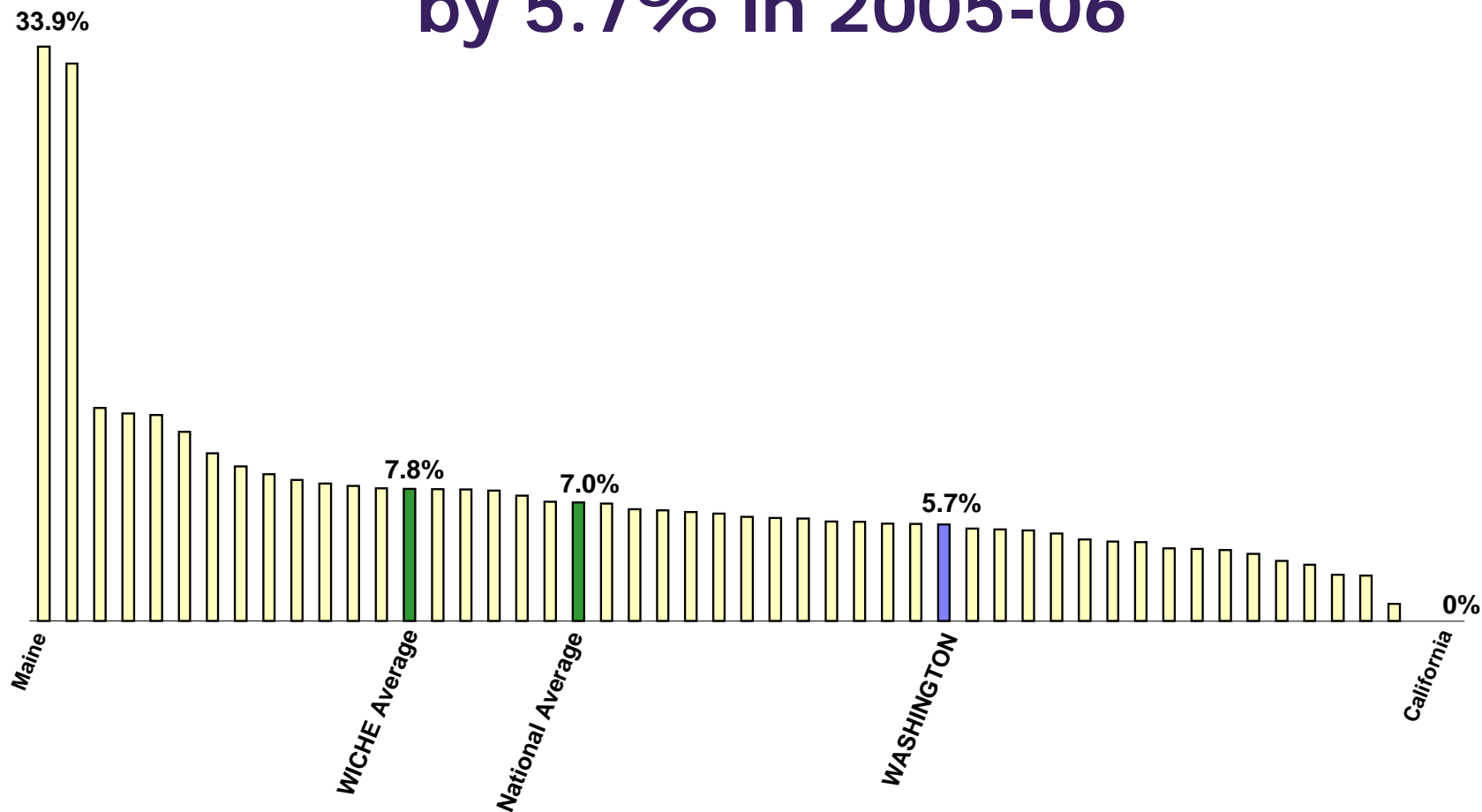
Tuition and fees: Community colleges compared to national and WICHE averages



Washington community college resident undergraduate tuition ranks 23rd nationally, 2005-06



Washington community colleges resident undergraduate tuition grew by 5.7% in 2005-06



Findings:

- Washington resident undergraduates pay somewhat less than the *national average* for tuition at both the four-year and two-year institutions.
- Tuition rates for resident undergraduates at Washington institutions are also less than average tuition at *comparable (peer)* institutions.

Findings:

- However, tuition rates for all categories of students in Washington are higher than in most *Western states (WICHE)*.

Findings:

- Over the last 10 years, tuition and fees have increased over 82% at the University of Washington.
 - *Nationally*, average tuition and fees have increased almost 94% for the same period.

Findings:

- Currently, the percentage of instructional costs paid by tuition:
 - Research: 52%
 - Comprehensives: 40%
 - Community Colleges: 37%